

The Applicant elects Species A that the Examiner has associated with FIGS. 1A-1H and FIG. 6 for prosecution on the merits at this time. The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-35 read on Species A.

The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-35, which read on the elected Species A, are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney if doing so would help expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Applicant's undersigned attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number set forth below.

Signed at Bellingham, County of Whatcom, State of Washington this 23rd day of February, 2005.

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